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I. Why vaccines?

II. HIV's diversity and the implications
for the challenge of vaccine design

III. Mosaic vaccine efficacy in macaques

IV. Looking Ahead



A vaccine triumph for mankind

We have eradicated smallpox,
a disease that caused between
300-500 million deaths in the
last century

Smallpox was ancient disease, and had
been with us for at least 12,000 years

Those who survived were often scarred,
and blinded

The very last case of smallpox was
diagnosed Oct 26, 1977



Vaccine Preventable Diseases licensed before 1980 in the USA

Disease	Peak annual cases	Peak annual deaths	2006 cases	2004 deaths
Diphtheria	30,508	3,065	0	0
Measles	763,094	552	55	0
Mumps	212,932	50	6584	0
Pertussis	265,269	7,518	15,632	27
Polio, paralytic	21,269	3,145	0	0
Smallpox	110,672	2,510	0	0
Rubella	488,796	24	11	0
Tetanus	601	511	41	4

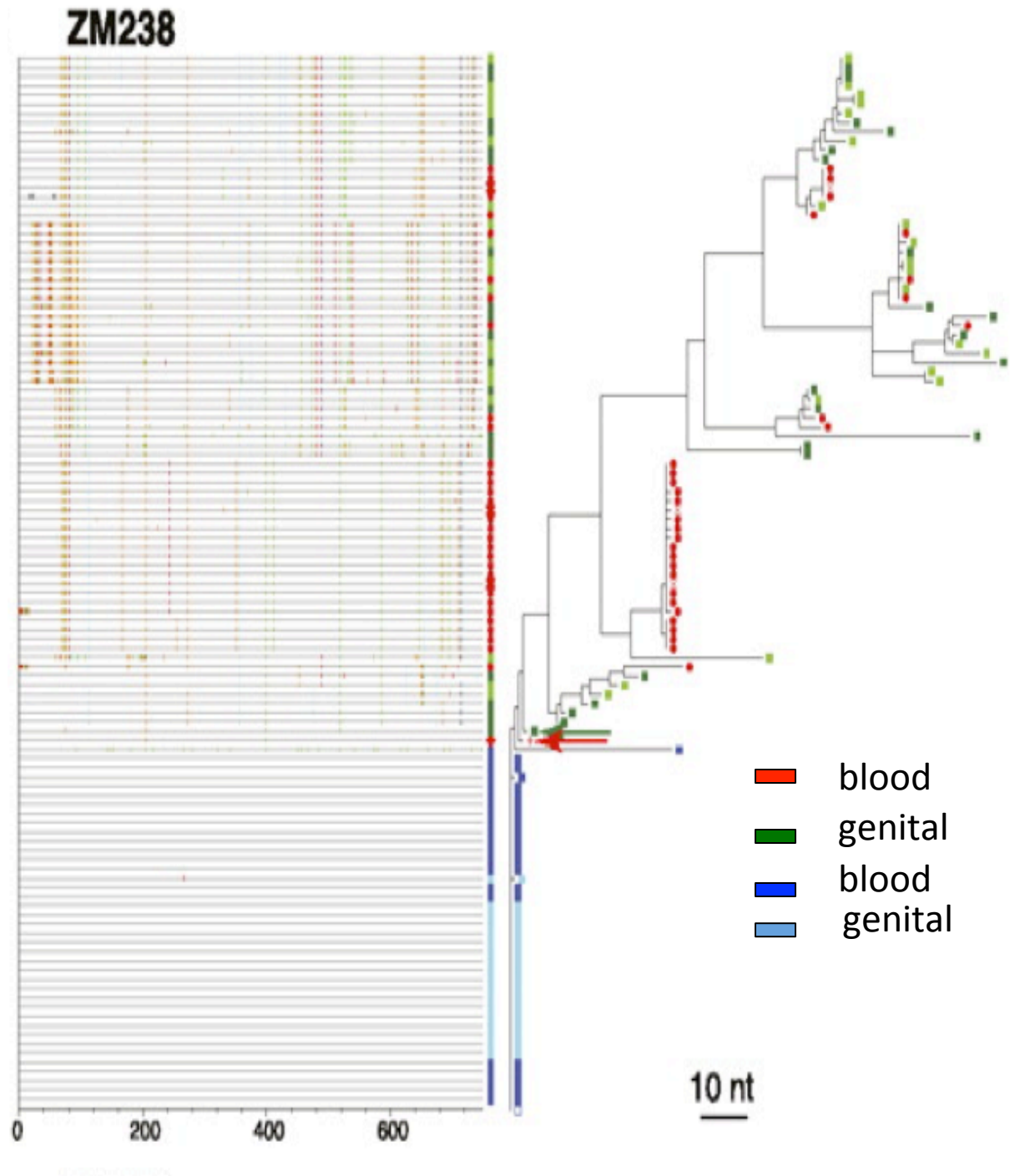
HIV phylogeny example

Donor/recipient
transmission pair

Boeras et al. PNAS 2011 108
(46):E1156-63.

Role of donor genital tract
HIV-1 diversity in the
transmission bottleneck.

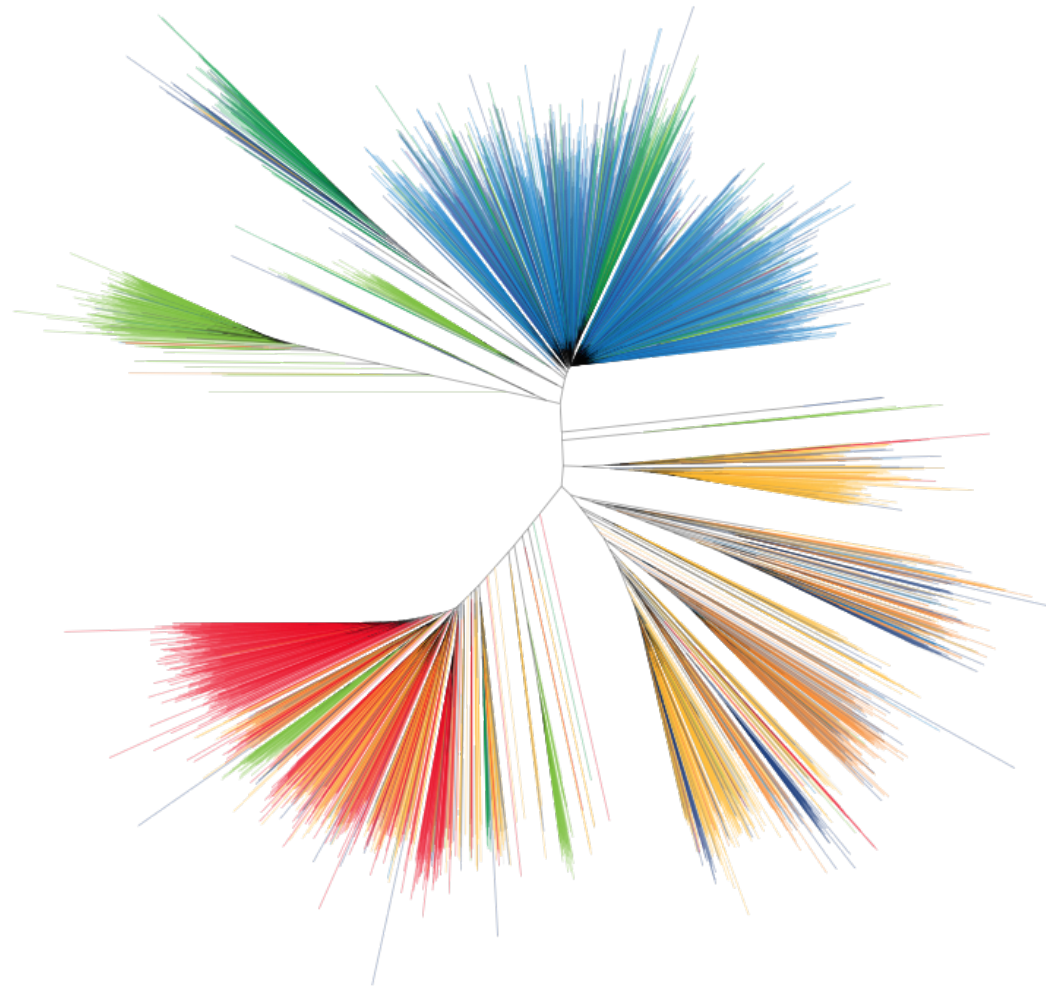
Peter Hraber, T6, LANL



LANL database: www.hiv.lanl.gov

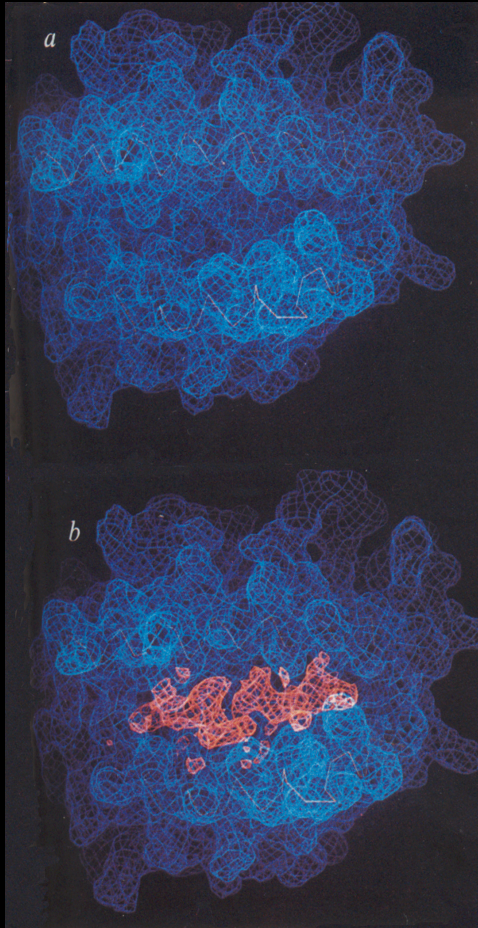
Region

- South Africa
- Western Africa
- Africa
- Asia
- South America
- North America
- Europe
- Oceania
- Middle East



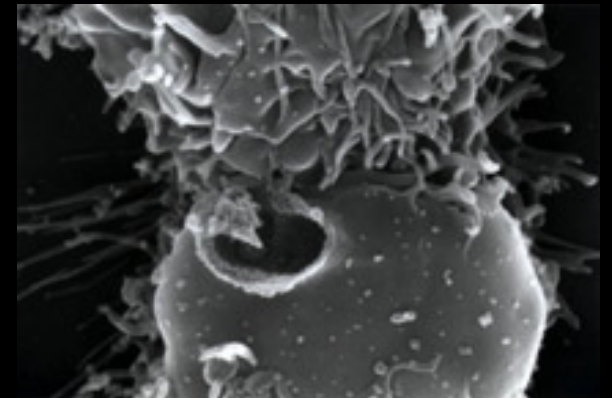
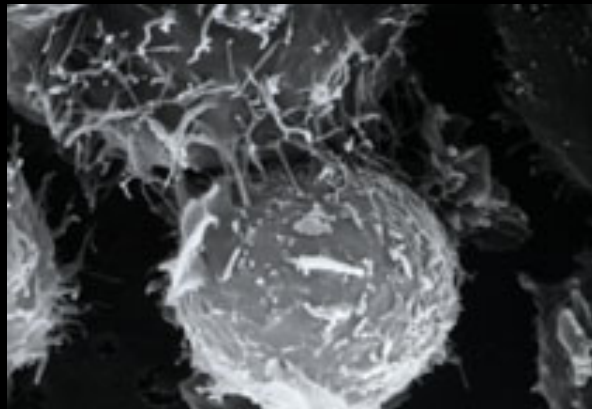
Env phylogenies Peter Hraber
from annotated sequences from ~50,000 subjects

Cytotoxic T cells recognize contiguous fragment



Killer T cells identify HIV infected cells
By recognizing small but contiguous
fragments of viral protein carried to
the cell surface by human class I
proteins...

...they trigger infected cells to self destruct.

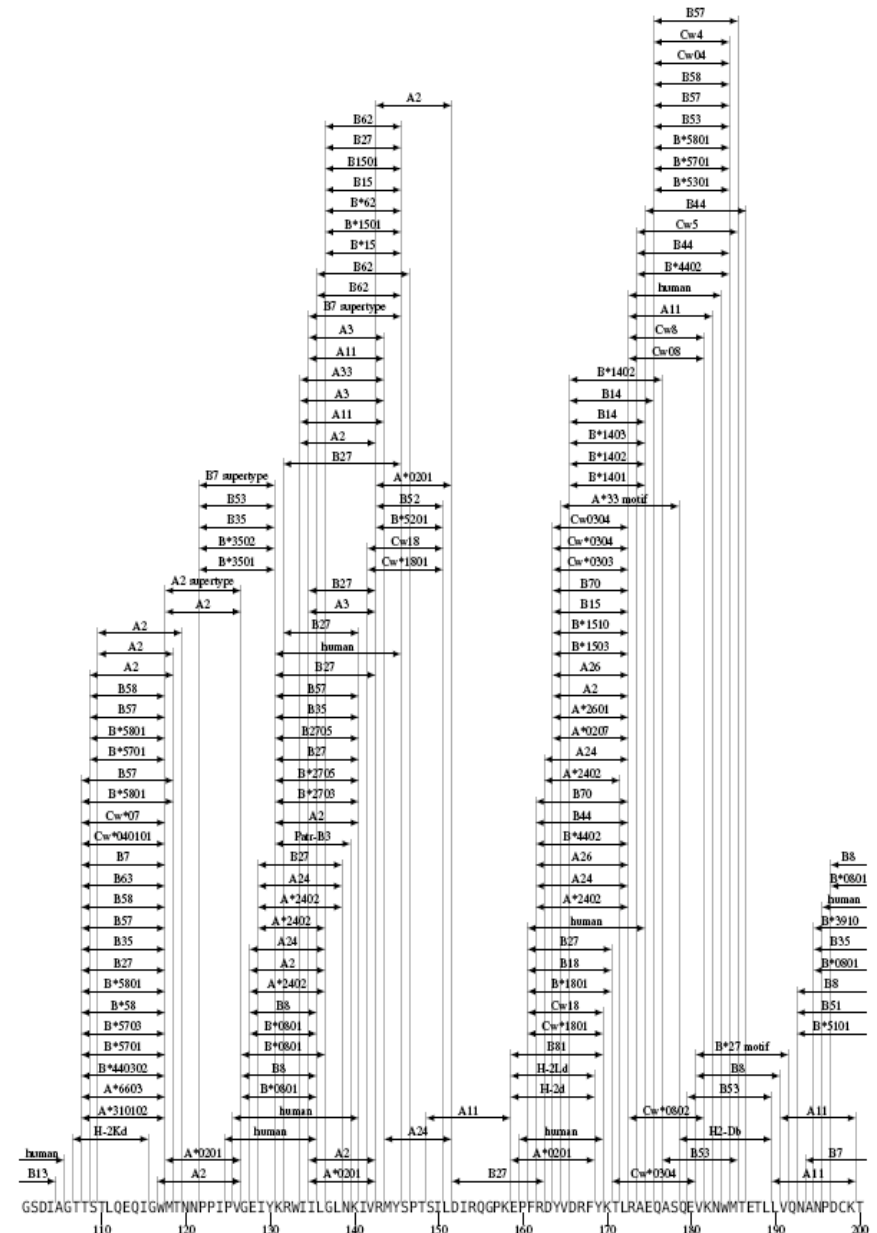


p24 positions100-200

LANL database map:
known *CD8+ T-cell*
responses densely
populate
HIV proteins

Thus *potential* T cell
epitopes, PTEs, are
defined as all 9-mers in
an alignment

Figure 5: p24 CTL/CD8+ Map aa 101–200

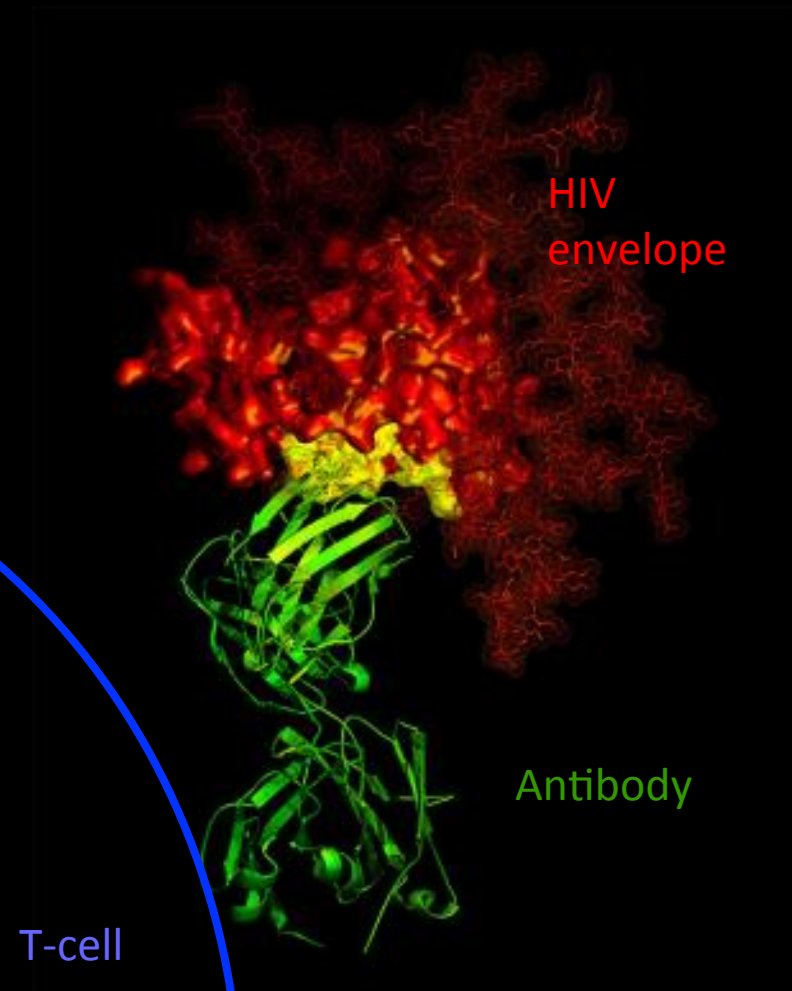


Cross-reactive neutralizing antibody responses can block infection target cells

Antibodies can bind directly
to its envelope and keep
it from entering our cells.

What is different from T cells:
Discontinuous epitopes
Somatic mutaton

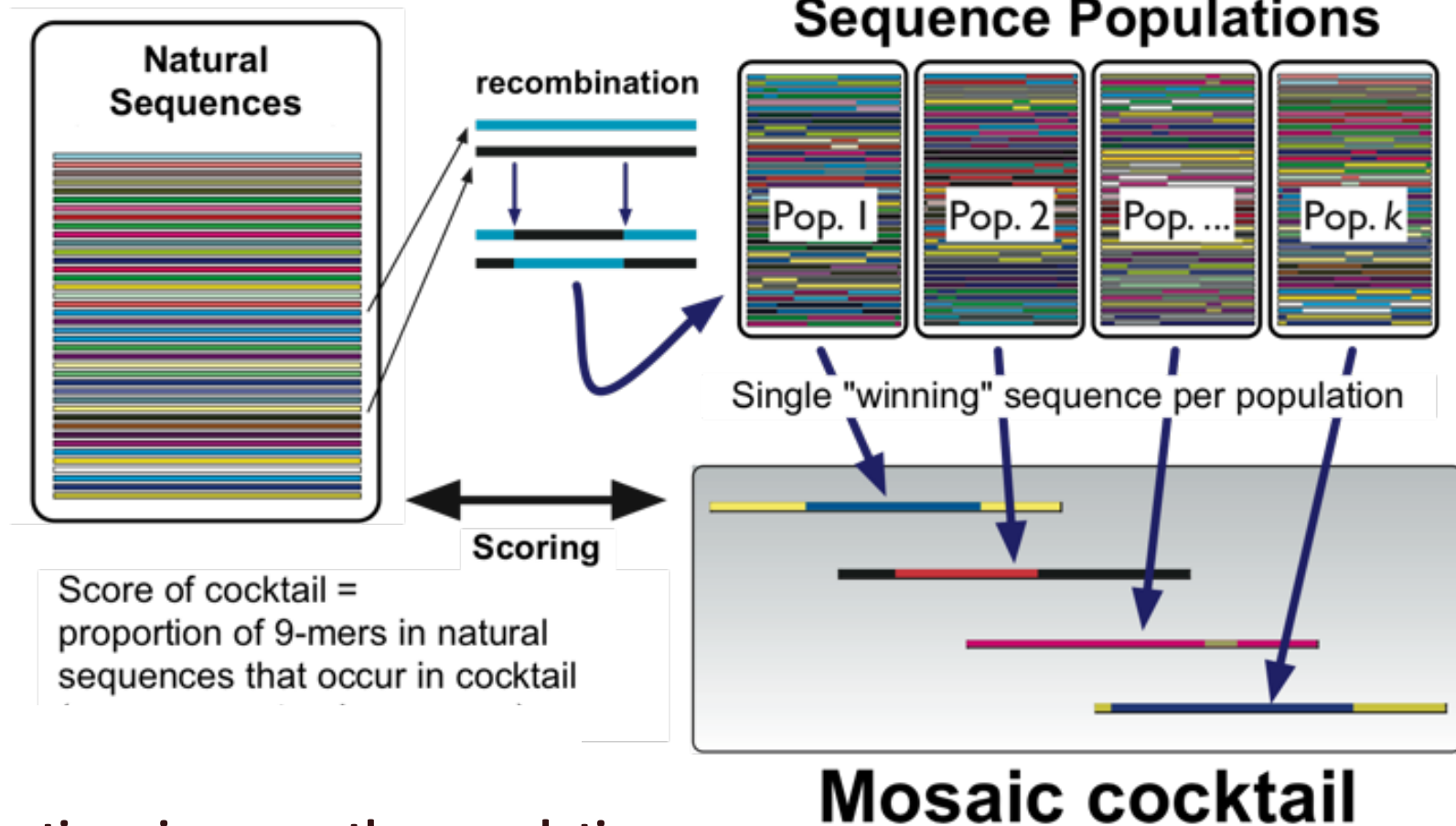
**Mosaic Vaccines were optimized
For T cells, but they can also elicit
antibodies**



Mimicking HIV Evolution by *in silico* Recombination: Using a Genetic Algorithm to Optimize Global Epitope Coverage

Fischer et al, Nat Med 13:100 (2007)

M group for a global vaccine



Iterations improve the populations,
improve the cocktail

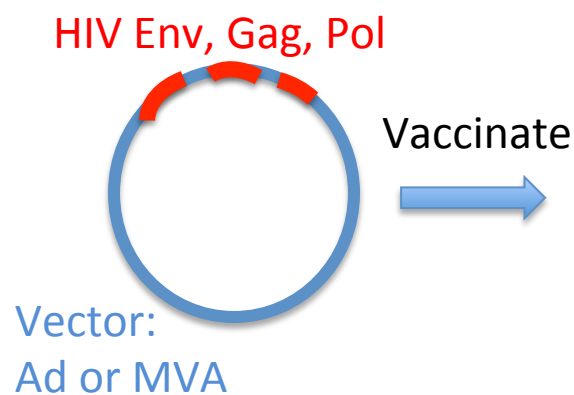
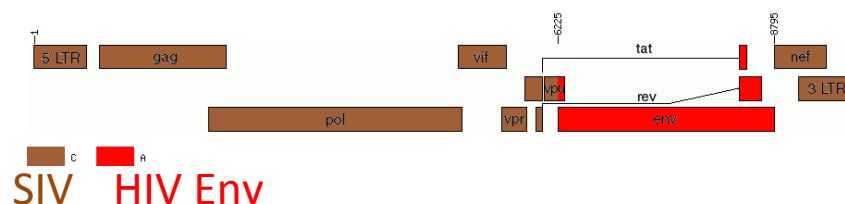
Simon Perkins, Will Fischer, James Theiler

Protective efficacy of a global HIV-1 mosaic vaccine against heterologous SHIV challenges in rhesus monkeys

Barouch et al., Cell 155(3):531-9. Oct. 2013

Challenge: Monkey Model

- SHIV: HIV Envelope in an SIV background so it infects macaques
- Only Env is shared
- Heterologous, virulent, hard to neutralize challenge: SHIV-SF162P3

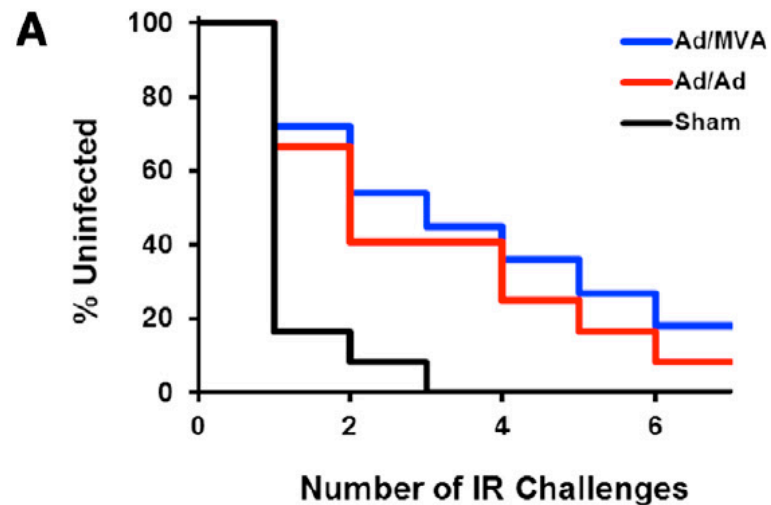


Expose to SHIV

Assess protection,
and correlates of protection

The mosaic vaccine inhibits infection

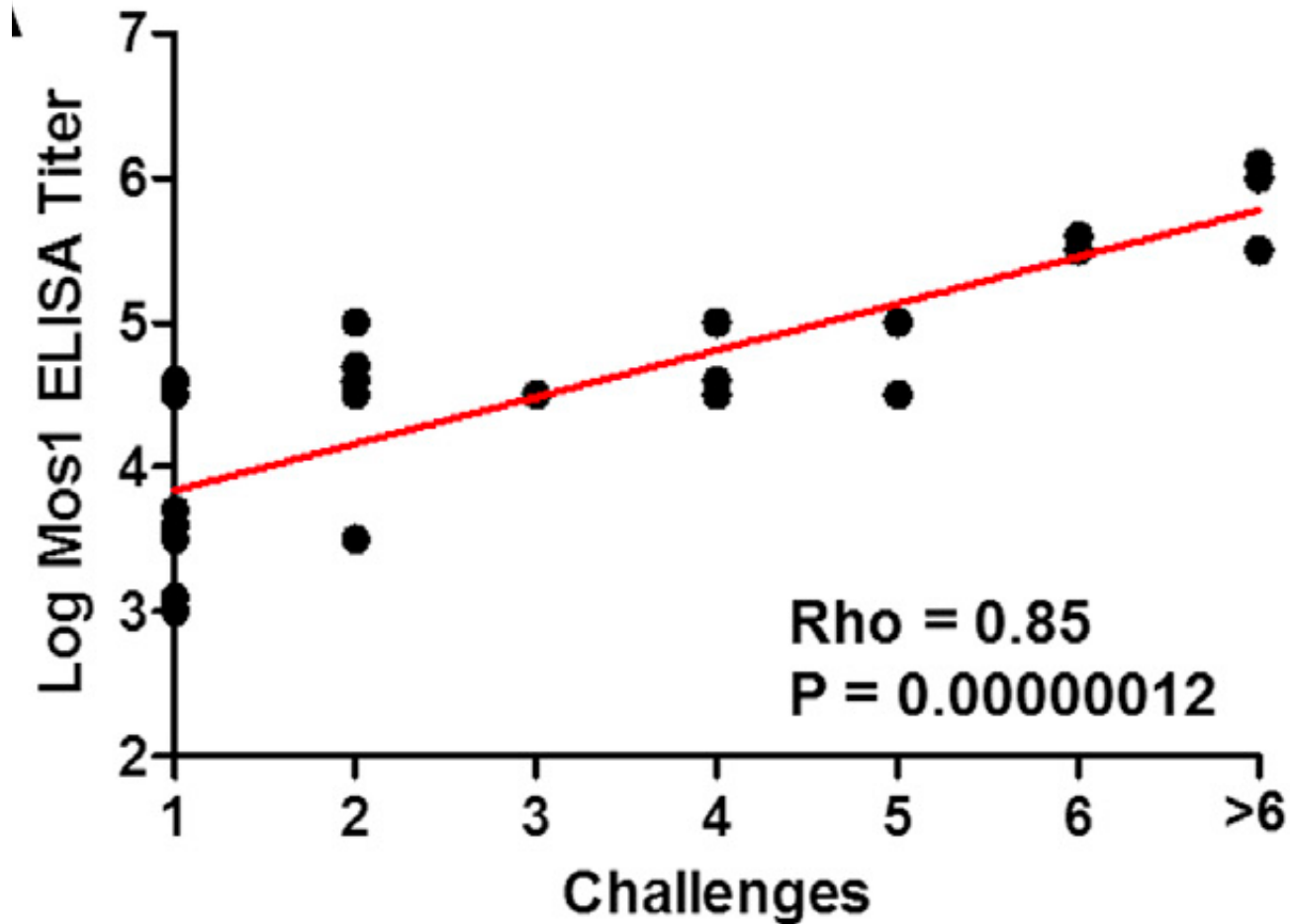
The rate
Of infection by
SHIV-SF162P3 is
>100 times that of
HIV through human sex



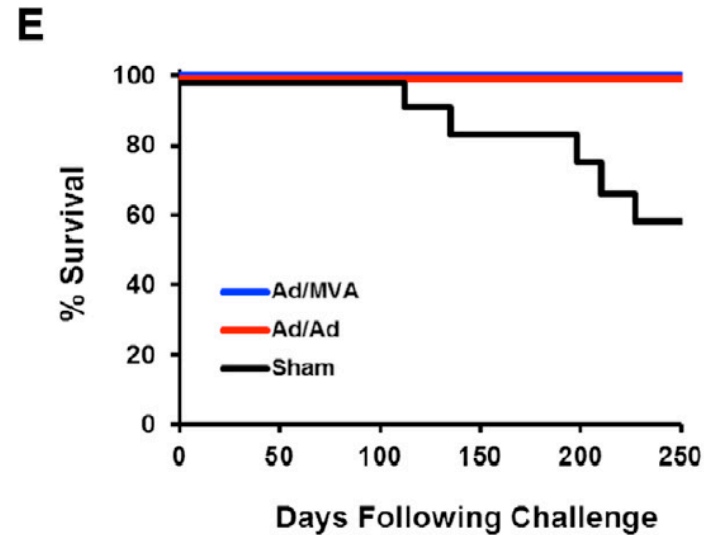
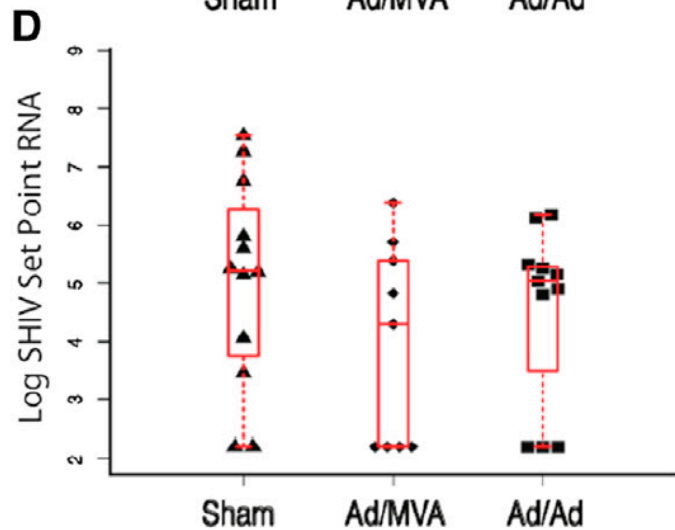
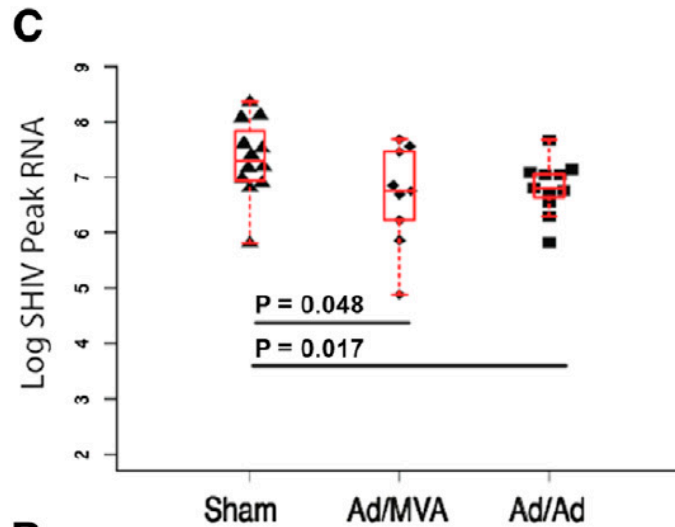
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	P-Value vs Sham*	Hazard Ratio (95% Conf. Interval)	Per-Exposure Risk Reduction	% Uninfected Challenge #1	% Uninfected Challenge #3	% Uninfected Challenge #6
Ad/MVA	0.002	0.095 (0.021-0.432)	90%	73%	45%	18%
Ad/Ad	0.007	0.132 (0.030-0.582)	87%	67%	42%	8%
Sham	N/A	1	N/A	17%	0%	0%
	*Cox proportional hazard model					

Protection from infection correlates
with antibody responses to the vaccine



Mosaic vaccine lowers viremia and enables the macaques to survive SHIV infection



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	Survival	P-Value vs Sham*
Ad/MVA	100%	0.03
Ad/Ad	100%	0.03
Sham	58%	N/A
*Fisher's exact test		

Progress for Global Structural Mosaics

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B cell mosaics

Antibodies recognize regions in folded proteins

1) Input, an Env trimer model:

Joe Sodroski

2) Determine amino acids in
“spheres” surrounding each
amino acid in the structure

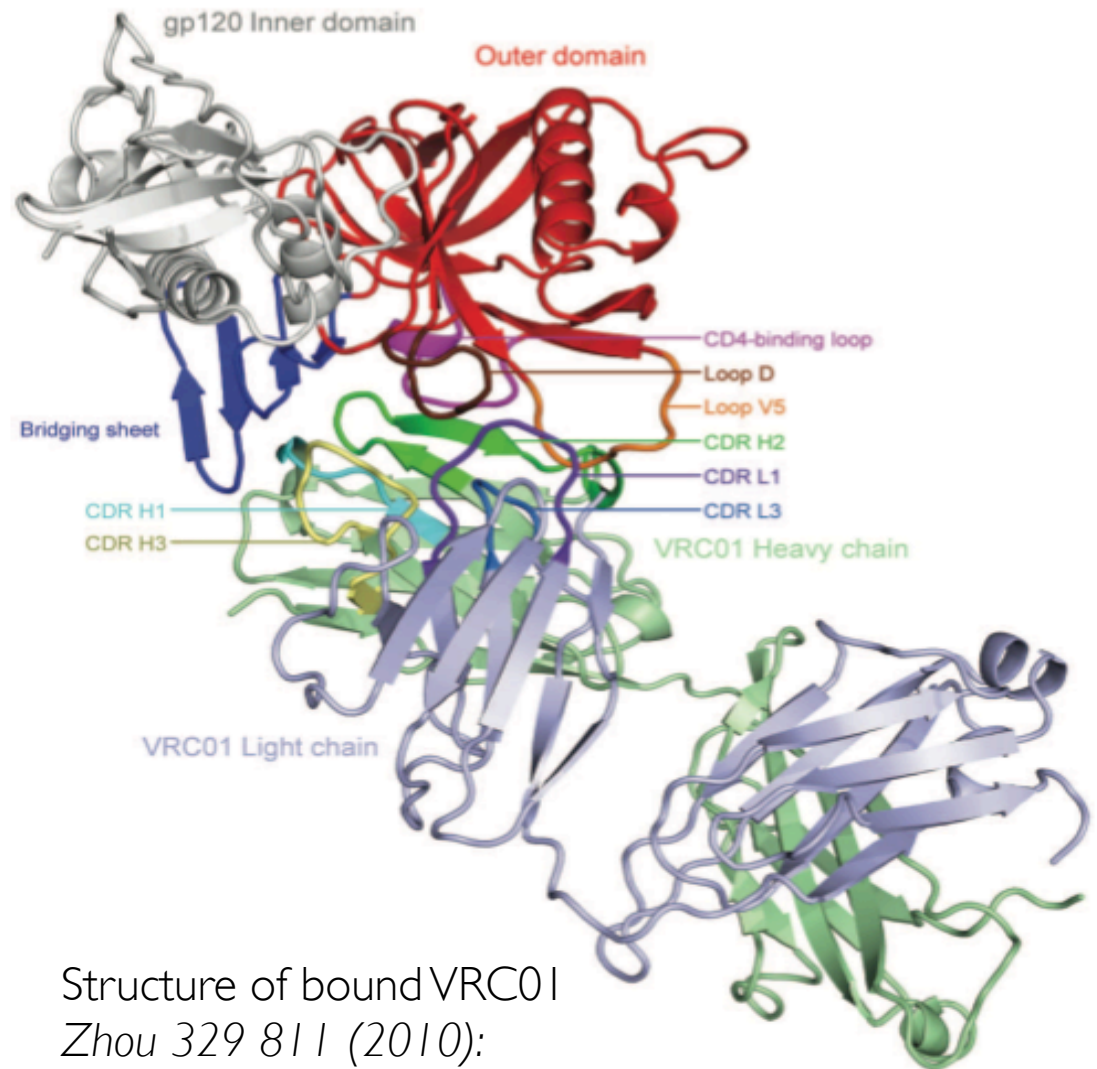
Gnana Gnanakaran

2) Define the frequency of each
form of each sphere

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2) Weave a set of 3 proteins that
in combination maximize the
coverage of the 3 most
common forms of each
sphere, forbidding the
introduction of local
combinations of amino acids
that are not found in nature.

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B cell mosaic: approach

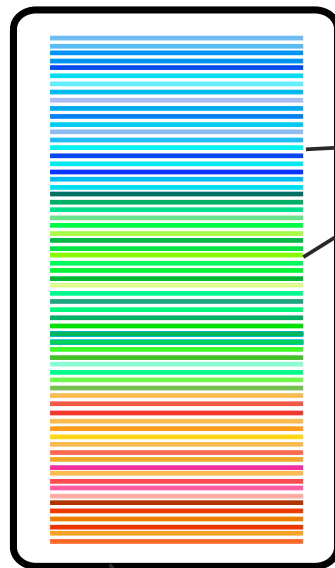
Input:

Protein sequence alignment

Potential B cell Epitope (PBE) position sets (<6.5 angstrom, ≤ 10 aa clusters)

Diverse Natural Protein Population

(eg Env M group)



Populate k pools

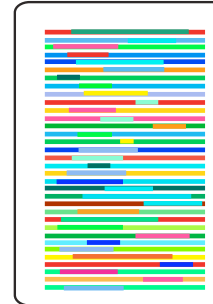
In silico recombination
Enforce natural breakpoints

Enforce Natural structural regions

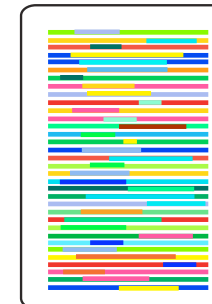
Iterate and Improve
Recombined Protein Pools
Until the score doesn't improve

Recombined Protein Pools

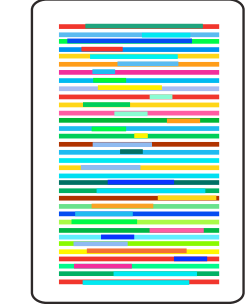
Population 1



Population 2



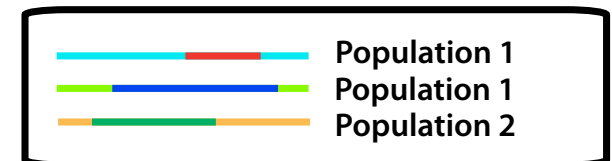
... Population k



Select winning combination

Score for T cell mosaics:
9-mer coverage

*Score for B cell mosaics:
< 6.5 angstrom cluster coverage*



What's next?

- Two Phase I T cell mosaic trials: safety and immune response
 - Delayed due to a safety issue with the vector, to start in the summer
- Macaque study of structural B cell mosaics:
 - Proteins are functional, bind to “good” antibodies
 - They raise anti-HIV antibodies, we don't know yet if they are neutralizing
- Tailored therapeutic T cell vaccine: design phase
 - Manufacture 6 vaccines, give 2 to an infected person that maximize epitope matches, minimize mismatches
- Epigraphs: design phase
 - Dynamical programming graph theory solution to the T cell mosaic problem. Very fast, optimal solution
 - Mosaics were very nearly optimal, we don't need to remake
- Swarm Vaccines:
 - Vaccinate with viral variants from an individual that made a good neutralizing antibody response
- Signature-based vaccine
 - 2 of 3 functional, being tested at Harvard as immunogens in macaques

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